

LONGHAM LAKES
SELECTED BIRD RECORDS
2013



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incl Hampreston Meadows & High Mead Lane
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Bewick's Swan

Early winter: 2 adults Hampreston Meadows on 25th January and 23rd February.

Tundra Bean Goose

Early winter: 3 Hampreston Meadows on 24th & 25th January.

Greylag Goose

Spring: 11 on 24th March, 6 on 1st April, 5 on 11th April, 4 on 27th April and 11 on 4th May.

Shelduck

Early winter: singles on 5th January and 12th February. Spring: a pair on 6th April and 7th May.

Eurasian Wigeon

Early winter: counts of 69+ on 2nd January, 43 on 25th January, 56+ on 26th January and 116 on 30th January. Spring: counts of 29+ on 19th March and 56 on 6th April. Autumn: 1 on 25th August and 75+ on 1st October. Late winter: 144+ on 10th November.

Gadwall

Early winter: 23+ on 2nd January. Autumn: 19 on 1st October.

Common Teal

Early winter: counts of 40+ on 24th January, 50+ on 25th January, 25+ on 26th January and 26+ 17th February.

Pintail

Autumn: a female on 27th September.

Shoveler

Early winter: 10 on 2nd January, 3 on 5th January, 5 on 30th January and 2 on 12th & 13th February. Spring: a pair on 14th & 24th March, 3 on 1st April, 16 on 6th April, a pair on 11th April and 17th May. Autumn: 4 on 25th August, 5 on 31st August, 1 on 16th September, 7 on 27th September, 25+ on 1st October and 14 on 7th October. Late winter: 13 on 10th November.

Red-crested Pochard

Autumn: eclipsed male on 1st & 7th October.

Pochard

Early winter: counts of 22 on 30th January and 27+ on 12th February.

Tufted Duck

Autumn: c120 young counted on 25th August.

Goldeneye

Late winter: all females/immatures with 1 on 2nd January, 2 on 5th & 26th January and 4 on 23rd February.

Smew

Early winter/spring: single redheads (probably the same bird) on 26th & 30th January, 13th, 17th & 23rd February and 19th & 24th March.

Goosander

Early winter: 4+ drakes on River Stour on 17th February.

Sparrowhawk

Late winter: 1 on 6th November.

Hobby

Spring: 1 on 27th April. Autumn: singles on 25th August and 27th September.

Peregrine

Autumn: 1 on 25th August.

Water Rail

Early winter: singles on 5th, 26th January and 23rd February.

Little Ringed Plover

Spring: 1 on 24th March.

Ringed Plover

Autumn: 1 heard flying overhead on 25th August.

Grey Plover

Spring: 1 briefly on 24th March.

Northern Lapwing

Early winter: 1 on 25th January and 7 on 13th February. Autumn: 5 on 25th August and 1 on 31st August.

Common Snipe

Early winter: singles on 2nd & 5th January and 2 on 11th January. Spring: 1 on 24th March and 2 on 11th April. Late winter: 2 on 10th November.

Black-tailed Godwit

Late winter: 7 on 10th November.

Common Sandpiper

Spring: singles on 11th April and 7th, 8th & 17th May and 2 on 27th April.

Autumn: 1 on 31st August.

Redshank

Spring: 1 on 1st April.

Mediterranean Gull

Early winter: 2 on 5th January, 1 on 12th February, 4 on 13th February and 2 on 17th February. Spring: 1 on 14th March, 4 on 19th March, 1 on 23rd March, a pair on 24th March, 20 on 1st April, 3 on 6th April, a high count of 71+ on 11th April and 1+ on 27th April. Autumn: 1 on 1st October.

Common Tern

Spring: 1 on 11th April, 3 on 7th May and 2 on 17th May.

Cuckoo

Spring: 1st on 8th May with singles on 17th & 26th May.

Common Swift

Spring: 1st on 27th April.

Sand Martin

Spring: 1st on 14th March.

Swallow

Spring: 1st on 24th March.

House Martin

Spring: 1st on 27th April.

Meadow Pipit

Spring: influx involving at least c100+ on 23rd & 24th March with 25+ on 1st April. Autumn: influx of c100+ on 1st October.

Rock Pipit (Scandinavian race)

Spring: 1 in partial summer plumage on 23rd March with 3 (partial summer bird + 2 winter birds) on 24th March.

'flava' Wagtail

Spring: 1 seen briefly on 11th April - possibly DC's Blue-headed.

Grey Wagtail

Spring: 1 on 11th April. Autumn: singles on 16th September & 1st October.

Pied Wagtail

Spring: 30+ on 23rd March with 25+ on 24th March.

European Stonechat

Spring: 1 on 19th March.

Northern Wheatear

Spring: 1 on 24th March, 2 on 1st April and 2 on 8th May.

Fieldfare

Early winter: 10+ High Mead Lane on 12th February and c100+ Hampreston Meadows on 17th February. Spring: 30+ on 23rd March.

Mistle Thrush

Early winter: 1 High Mead Lane on 12th February.

Cetti's Warbler

Singing male heard from 30th January to 13th June and again on 7th October.

Sedge Warbler

Spring: 1 on 26th May.

Reed Warbler

Spring: 1st on 27th April.

Blackcap

Spring: 1st on 11th April.

Common Whitethroat

Spring: 1st on 27th April.

Common Chiffchaff

Early winter: 1 on 5th January. Spring: 1st on 14th March with influx involving c100+ on 23rd March and c50+ on 24th March. Late winter: 1 on 10th November.

Willow Warbler

Spring: 5+ on 11th April.

Goldcrest

Early winter: 1 on 5th January,

Nuthatch

Autumn: 1 heard on 31st August, 16th September and 1st October.

Raven

Early winter: 1 on 24th January. Spring: a pair on 11th April and 1 on 26th May.

Lesser Redpoll

Spring: 2 on 11th April.

Bullfinch

Late winter: 3 on 6th November.

Other birds recorded during the year:

Mute Swan, Canada Goose, Mallard, Pheasant, Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, Cormorant, Little Egret, Grey Heron, Common Buzzard, Kestrel, Moorhen, Coot, Black-headed Gull, Common Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Herring Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Feral/Rock Dove, Stock Dove, Woodpigeon, Collared Dove, Green Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Wren, Dunnock, Robin, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Redwing, Long-tailed Tit, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Jay, Magpie, Jackdaw, Rook, Carrion Crow, Starling, House Sparrow, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Reed Bunting.